

Former Public Health Fellows: Where are they now?

Following the journey of our Fellows ...

Nearly a dozen Public Health Fellows have moved on from Cornell to pursue professional careers in public health, medicine, social work and other related fields.



Elsie Ikpot, '15, Susan H. Murphy Public Health Fellow (2016–17)

Elsie graduated from Cornell University in 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology & Society and double minors in Global Health and Nutrition. Elsie's interest in global and public health was sparked when she participated in the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad. After graduation, she completed a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program in Health Studies under Cornell University's Division of Nutritional Sciences in 2016. Following the Public Health Fellowship, Elsie was a Summer Scholar at the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine and she plans to pursue a DO, MPH focusing on global and public health with communities of color.



Andrew Eng, '15, Susan H. Murphy Public Health Fellow (2015–16)

Andrew majored in Biological Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with a minor in Business for the Life Sciences. As a student, he was a member of Cornell University Emergency Medical Services (CUEMS) and an undergraduate researcher under Dr. Leifer at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine; he also served as a Biology Student Advisor and an Orientation Supervisor. Interested in the medical field, Andrew wants to understand the overlap between public health and preventative care. After the Public Health Fellowship, Andrew worked as a medical assistant in a cardiology clinic in Chinatown in New York City. Andrew is currently attending New York Medical College (Class of 2021).



Nicolette Lee, '15, Lorette Simon Gross & Dr. Keith Gross Public Health Fellow (2015–16)

Nicolette majored in Biological Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with a concentration in Nutrition and a minor in Applied Economics and Management. As a student, she was a Resident Advisor for first-year students for three years and she worked with a service-learning program, Alternative Breaks, for four years, which led to her interest in public health. Her work with several different U.S. communities helped develop her awareness of the important role community health plays. She has also conducted research in a Nutrition Lab analyzing how social media can be used as a form of health education. She is currently attending Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA (Class of 2020).



Stephanie Ellman, '13, *Kahn-Millman Public Health Fellow (2013–15)*

Stephanie majored in Biological Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with a concentration in Neurobiology and Behavior. As a house manager at a student-run co-op house, she cooked, cleaned, and lived with many international, LGBTQ, and nontraditional students. Her interest in public health grew from her experience working at the Northeastern Integrated Pest Management Center through the Cornell Cooperative Extension and Cornell's B.A.B.Y. Lab. She obtained an MPH, concentrating in maternal and child health, from Boston University School of Public Health.



Leslie Carson, '13, Lorette Simon Gross & Dr.Keith Gross Public Health Fellow (2013–15)

Leslie majored in Biological Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences with a concentration in Neurobiology and Behavior and a minor in French Studies. She was a member of the Panhellenic community and sang in the Cornell Chorale. Leslie was pre-med, but became interested in public health because of the broad impact of the population approach. Currently attending The Ohio State University, she is working to obtain a dual Masters degree (an MPH specializing in Health Behavior and Health Promotion and an MSW specializing in Mental Health and Substance Abuse). She expects to graduate in 2018. Leslie works at OSU's Center for Public Practice and interns at the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Drug Misuse Prevention and Recovery. From 2016-17, Leslie served as a Student Fellow for the Maternal and Child Health Section of the American Public Health Association, through which she became involved in the Section's work to promote a public health approach to gun violence. Leslie plans to pursue a doctorate in public health or social work. Her interests include substance abuse prevention, community mapping, geographic information systems (GIS), and social justice.



Angela Falisi, '12, Public Health Fellow (2012–13)

Angela majored in Biology & Society in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. She worked as an RA for two years and spent three years connecting with alumni through the Cornell Annual Fund. Her interest in public health was sparked by her work in the Social Media Lab of the Department of Communication, which focused on the relationship between mobile technology and social support. After completing her term as a Public Health Fellow, Angela attended the University at Albany School of Public Health, where she obtained an MPH with a concentration in Social Behavior and Community Health in 2015. Angela is currently a Presidential Management Fellow and Program Specialist at the NIH – National Cancer Institute (NCI) in the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS). Angela started at NCI as a trainee in the DCCPS Behavioral Research Program, Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch, and has been involved in a number of research and programmatic initiatives in the areas of social media for cancer surveillance and survivorship, team-based communication in cancer clinical trials, health literacy, and communication of genetic/genomic information.



Joe Bergen, '12, Kahn-Millman Public Health Fellow (2012–13)

Joe graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences with a major in Biological Sciences. While at Cornell, he was a Resident Advisor for first-year students and president of the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega. Following graduation, Joe served a term as an AmeriCorps volunteer in Syracuse, NY before returning to campus to focus on student mental health and wellness as a Public Health Fellow. He then attended medical school at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and is currently a resident physician in emergency medicine at the University of Chicago.



Laura Santacrose, 11, Public Health Fellow (2011–12)

Laura majored in Human Development within the College of Human Ecology. She was a Resident Advisor on North Campus for three years and spent four years walking backwards as a Campus Tour Guide. Laura's passion for public health deepened when she worked in the Cornell Infant Studies Lab. After completing her term as Cornell Health's first Public Health Fellow, she attended the University at Albany School of Public Health, where she obtained an MPH with a concentration in Social Behavior and Community Health. In grad school, Laura conducted research at the Alden March Bioethics Institute and worked as a Community Health Educator at the Suffolk County Health Department. After graduate school, she returned to Cornell to work as a Health Initiatives Coordinator within the Skorton Center for Health Initiatives. She now serves as its Assistant Director. Laura recently developed, implemented, and evaluated a new bystander intervention program called *Intervene* for use at Cornell and by other universities.